

# Supplemental Transportation Rural Assistance Program

STRAP

Statutory Reference: 49 U.S.C. 53

- Federal pilot project, authorized by SAFETEA-LU through the 2009 federal fiscal year. Wisconsin is the only state in which it is operating. STRAP emphasizes serving rural populations, coordinating between transportation services, addressing the needs of non-ambulatory residents, and public participation in planning.
- Eligible applicants are local public bodies, including federally recognized Indian tribes.
- Projects must serve rural or non-urban areas with populations less than 50,000.
- Eligible projects fall into one of two categories:
  - Planning: Projects involving planning studies or operational planning.
  - Operating: Projects supplementing or expanding existing service, starting up new service, or continuing service from previous STRAP grants.

Funding is provided at 80% of project costs.

- \$2 million has been authorized for federal fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009.
- Annual application cycle: Applications are due on September 15 for the following calendar year.
- Detailed application information and forms with which to apply are available at: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/transit/strap.htm>

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